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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 16-32 remain pending in this application with claims 16, 25, 27 and 30 and 31 being amended by this response.

**Rejection of Claims 16-32 under 35 USC § 102(b)**

Claims 16-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collings (U.S. Patent No. 5,828,402).

The present claimed invention introduces a system for controlling television images. The system includes at least one viewer profile establishing a set of limits for blocking selected images from viewing or recording. The member(s) of the set are selected from a group containing program ratings, spending, channel, total view time, time of day and image content ratings. The system also includes at least one override list including at least one override instruction applicable to at least one member of the set. The member(s) of the set is/are modified while the override instruction is active. The system contains at least one previously used override list. The list includes at least one previously used override instruction that is able to be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction. A memory is included for storing the at least one previously used override list. Independent claims 16, 25, 27, 30 and 31 include similar limitations to those discussed above.

“The present invention, which is an improvement to the Override Invention, provides for efficient recall and reinstitution of overrides” in a limit system (page 6, lines 28-29). The system is able to recall and reinstitute overrides because “the completed overrides are stored in system memory” (page 3, lines 15-16).

Collings discloses a system in which a method and apparatus block the reception of television programming which meets specified criteria. The methods of the invention are extremely flexible and allow several different rating systems to be used

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simultaneously. The system includes a menu which “allows the features of apparatus 20 to be individually enabled or disabled. Each of the features listed beside options 1[] to [6] of menu 90 can be set to ON, SLEEP (for a specified time period) or OFF...If SLEEP is selected the feature will be disabled for a period of time designated by the “Sleep Time”” (Column 17, lines 9-18).

The Examiner contends that Collings discloses a previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction for Collings allows the user to remember and reset the override to match the previous setting. However, Column 17, lines 1-32 of Collings describes setting of an override allowing the features of the apparatus to be individually enabled or disabled. The user may set the features to be ON, SLEEP (for a specified period) or OFF. If the user sets the feature to be ON, the feature will be enabled. If the user sets the feature to SLEEP, the feature will be disabled for a specified period. If the user sets the feature to be OFF, the feature will be disabled. This is unlike the present claimed invention which includes “at least one previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction wherein said previously used override instruction is able to be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction; and a memory for storing said at least one previously used override list”. Collings only discloses turning a menu option ON, OFF or to SLEEP thereby enabling or disabling a blocking feature. Collings neither discloses nor suggests setting of a new override using a previously used override from a list stored in a memory as in the present claimed invention. The present claimed invention is not concerned with enabling and disabling the blocking features. The present invention is concerned with facilitating the setting of new overrides by using the limits set in previously used override instructions. Such is neither disclosed nor suggested by Collings. Additionally, the Examiner agrees on page 2 of the Office Action that Collings neither discloses nor suggests storing of previously used override instructions in memory. The claims have been amended to clarify this feature and thereby distinguish the present claimed invention from the cited references.

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In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is respectfully submitted that there is no 35 USC 112 compliant enabling disclosure in Collings showing the above discussed features. It is thus further respectfully submitted that independent claims 16, 25, 27, 30 and 31 are not anticipated by Collings. As claims 20-24 are dependant on independent claim 16, claims 28 and 29 are dependant on independent claim 27 and claim 32 is dependant on independent claim 31, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claims 16, 25, 27, 30 and 31. It is thus, further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

The applicant respectfully submits, in view of the above arguments, that all arguments made by the Examiner have been addressed and this rejection should be withdrawn. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed invention is patentable.

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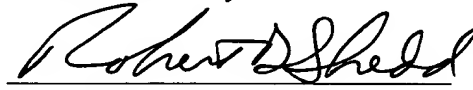
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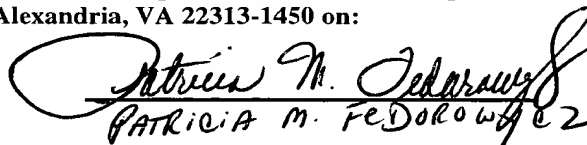
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